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On 14 September 1951 KUO Hsu-jo (敦化若), commander of the Public Security Forces of the East China Military Area (ECMA), instructed the various provincial public security administrations and bureaus to reorganize public security forces in coastal areas of the ECMA provinces in order to strengthen coastal defenses and unify organization and command. These instructions are summarized as follows:

- a. From 1 October 1951 all public security forces in coastal areas shall be known as "The Chinese People's Border Defense Force;" designations will be assigned separately.
- b. These forces shall be under the jurisdiction of the various administrations and bureaus, but must accept supervision and direction from the local public security districts, so that plans for border defense will be unified.
- c. The largest unit of the border defense forces shall be a battalion equivalent to a battalion of the Chinese Communist Army. Each battalion will comprise three companies, each of three platoons; each platoon will have three squads of 12 men each. Therefore each battalion will total 500 men, including political workers and other units under direct control of battalion headquarters.
- d. Once these border defense forces are reorganized, their duties will not be limited solely to border defense; they shall be responsible for precautionary measures along the national border and shall inspect the entry and exit of persons.
- e. The border defense forces shall have only light arms; each battalion shall have one heavy machine gun platoon and one 60 mm artillery (sic) squad. Units that have already been issued heavy arms shall return them to the issuing organization for safekeeping.

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- f. The number of border defense battalions in the various provinces shall be as follows:

Shantung	Five battalions
Kiangsu	Four battalions (three for the North Kiangsu Administrative Office and one for the South Kiangsu Administrative Office)
Chekiang	Four battalions
Fukien	Five battalions

- g. The border defense forces must complete their reorganization before December 1951. Personnel over and above the quota (see section c) will be transferred to the provincial public security division. Shortages of personnel will be made up from the New Recruits Training Offices of the military districts.

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